

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 28. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	55.1	61.8	66.2	62.2	64.0	68.2
• Passed 2 subtests	26.1	26.3	23.4	19.0	18.6	16.1
• Passed 1 subtest	7.2	9.2	5.2	11.4	11.1	9.9
• Passed no subtests	11.6	2.6	5.2	7.4	6.2	5.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	17.5%	18.7%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	17.5%	19.8%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	61.4%	52.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	98.3%	17.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	98.3%	18.9%	
Gender			
Male	100.0%	12.0%	
Female	97.0%	21.9%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	93.3%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	100.0%	23.3%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	97.7%	24.4%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	95.4%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	47.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,730	N/A	\$5,292	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 89.7%	89.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	19.6 to 1	N/A	25.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=552)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	11.6%	N/A	50.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.0%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	5.5%	Up from 5.4%	11.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=39)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.2 Days	Down from 8.8	7.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.7%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	35.9%	Up from 32.4%	49.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	74.4%	Up from 71.1%	80.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.6%	Down from 5.3%	2.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	78.4%	Up from 77.5%	85.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,973	Up 9.3%	\$38,250	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.3%	Up from 1.2%	3.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	47.1%	N/A	57.3%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	92.1%	N/A	58.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	7.6%	Down from 9.1%	10.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	98	N/A	31	29
• Gifted and talented	12.2%	No change	9.4%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	18.2%	Up from 14.3%	11.4%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	12.5%	N/A	6.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	262	N/A	408	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	29.7%	N/A	29.0%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The faculty and administration at Ware Shoals Jr-Sr High School are committed to providing the best possible education for our students in the safest possible environment. We are determined to improve the abilities of each of our students while at the same time work hard to instill those values that we all hold dear. To this end we will work tirelessly never forgetting our mission.

The 2000-2001 school year has been an extremely busy one. As the new principal with a new high school assistant principal, we both had a great deal to learn about our students, faculty, and community. We are very pleased with the progress that has been made at the school and with our acceptance into the community. We ask that you continue to urge your children to work hard on their studies, and with your help, we will make a significant impression in the lives of all children.

Highlights for the 2000-2001 school year include:

1. Sponsored a SACS committee visit in April
2. Sent a quarterly newsletter home to parents
3. Started math and English vertical teaming for faculty members
4. Started work on a character education program
5. Renovated several classrooms and installed new lighting
6. Implemented block scheduling for 7th and 8th grades in math and English
7. Implemented a PTSA organization for grades 7 – 12.

As I look to the future, I anticipate improvement in all phases of school life for our students. I expect the school will continue to become a friendlier place, a place where all children want to be. I expect our students will continue to develop a sense of pride in our school, the community, and their own abilities. I expect to watch our test scores rise across the board and behavioral issues to show a marked decline.

If at any time you have a suggestion, idea, or concern, do not hesitate to contact us to discuss that issue. Our doors are always open for you.

Putz Alan

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	55.2	63.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	79.3	83.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	37.9	85.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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56 South Greenwood Avenue
Ware Shoals, SC 29692

Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 552 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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